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1. AMBASSADOR TOOK ADVANTAGE OF ASST. SECY. SAM LEWIS' VISIT HERE AND OUR MEETING JULY 26 WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OFFICIALS OF FOREIGN MINISTRY TO RAISE THIS MATTER INFORMALLY. THE MEXICAN SIDE, PARTICULARLY GONZALEZ GALVEZ, APPEARED RECEPTIVE.

2. THAT SAME EVENING, AMBASSADOR RAISED MATTER WITH FORMIN GARCIA ROBLES HIMSELF LEAVING WITH HIM AN AIDE MEMOIRE TELLING HIM OF THE EARMARKING OF THE \$102,000 PER YEAR OF OUR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR USE BY IAHC AND OUR HOPE THAT MEXICO, IN VIEW OF ITS WELL-KNOWN INTEREST IN HUMAN RIGHTS, MIGHT SEE FIT TO ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO IAHC. GARCIA ROBLES WAS RECEPTIVE, FACETIOUSLY INQUIRING AS TO THE PURPOSE OF THE EXTRA \$2,000 INVOLVED IN OUR CONTRIBUTION. MORE SERIOUSLY HE INQUIRED WHETHER WE ALSO ENVISIONED PROPOSING TO ENLARGE THE MANDATE OF IAHC OR TO OTHERWISE CHANGE THE SCOPE OF ITS ACTIVITIES. AMBASSADOR REPLIED BY TELLING HIM WE HAD NO SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS BUT IF HE WERE, BY CHANCE, REFERRING TO THE CHILEAN PROPOSALS, IT WAS OUR IMPRESSION THAT THEY HAD NOT MET WITH SYMPATHETIC RESPONSE AT THE SANTIAGO GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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OUR PRESENT PROPOSAL WAS MERELY BASED ON A RECOGNITION THAT

THE IAHRC OPERATED ON A MINIMAL BUDGET AND THAT FINANCIAL RELIEF SHOULD PERMIT IT TO MORE EFFECTIVELY FULFILL ITS PRESENTLY ASSIGNED PURPOSES. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF THE GOM SAW DESIRABILITY OF BROADENING THE COMMISSION'S FUNCTIONS, WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO REPORT ITS VIEWS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE DEPARTMENT. FORMIN THANKED US AND PROMISED THAT HE WOULD STUDY THE MATTER IN A SYMPATHETIC MANNER.

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